

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor ~~substrate~~substrate, said method comprising the process of forming a resist pattern with different thicknesses in different areas by performing exposure once on a resist with a half tone ~~mask~~mask,

the resist pattern thus formed by performing exposure once on the resist with the half tone mask masking (i) a drain bus-line formed area for forming a thin film transistor in the thin film transistor substrate and (ii) a thin film transistor formed area for forming a thin film transistor in the thin film transistor substrate,

the thin film transistor formed area having a channel formed area for forming a channel of the thin film transistor,

the resist in the channel formed area being thinner than the resist in the drain bus-line formed area.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor ~~substrate according to claim 1, wherein a resist pattern which masks a drain bus-line formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a drain bus-line is to be formed and a thin film transistor formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a thin film transistor is to be formed and in which the thickness of the~~

~~resist in a channel formed area in the thin film transistor formed area where a channel for the thin film transistor is to be formed differs from the thickness of the resist in the drain bus-line formed area and the thin film transistor formed area other than the channel formed area is formed~~substrate, said method comprising the process of forming a resist pattern with different thicknesses in different areas by performing exposure once on the~~a~~
resist with the~~a~~ half tone mask~~mask~~,

the resist pattern thus formed by performing the exposure once on the resist with the half tone mask masking a thin film transistor formed area for forming a thin film transistor in the thin film transistor substrate,

the thin film transistor formed area having a channel formed area for forming a channel of the thin film transistor,

the resist in the channel formed area being thinner than the resist in areas other than the channel formed area within the thin film transistor formed area.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor ~~substrate according to claim 1, wherein a resist pattern which masks a gate bus-line formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a gate bus-line is to be formed and a pixel electrode formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a pixel electrode is to be formed and in which the thickness of the resist in the gate bus-line formed area differs from the thickness of the resist in the pixel electrode formed area is formed~~substrate, said method comprising the process of forming a resist pattern

with different thicknesses in different areas by performing exposure once on ~~the~~a resist with ~~the~~a half tone ~~mask-mask~~.

the mask thus formed by performing the exposure once on the resist with the half tone mask masking (i) a gate bus-line formed area for forming a gate bus-line in the thin film transistor substrate and (ii) a pixel electrode formed area for forming a pixel electrode in the thin film transistor substrate,

the resist in the gate bus-line formed area being thicker than the resist in the pixel electrode formed area.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate, the method comprising the processes of:

forming a resist on a drain bus-line layer formed over an operation layer over a substrate;

performing exposure on the resist with a half tone mask for forming a resist pattern in a drain bus-line formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a drain bus-line is ~~to be~~ formed and a thin film transistor formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a thin film transistor is ~~to be~~ formed, the resist pattern being thinner only in a channel formed area where a channel for the thin film transistor is ~~to be~~ formed;

etching the drain bus-line layer with the resist pattern;

ashing the resist pattern until removal of the thin resist formed in the channel formed area is completed; and

channel-etching the operation layer with the resist pattern which remains after the ashing.

5. (Original) The method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate according to claim 4, wherein in the process of forming the resist on the drain bus-line layer formed over the operation layer over the substrate, a light shading film is formed between the substrate and the operation layer and the resist is formed on the drain bus-line layer over the operation layer.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate according to claim 4, further comprising , after the process of channel-etching the operation layer with the resist pattern which remains after the ashing, the processes of:

removing the resist pattern which remains after the ashing, forming an insulating film on an entire surface, and making a contact hole which reaches the drain bus-line layer in the insulating film;

forming an irregular layer for scattering incident light on the entire surface except a gate bus-line formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a gate bus-line is to be formed and an area where the contact hole is made;

forming a gate bus-line layer and forming a resist pattern which masks the gate bus-line formed area and a pixel electrode formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a pixel electrode is ~~to be~~ formed on the gate bus-line layer; and
etching the gate bus-line layer with the resist pattern.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate, the method comprising the processes of:

forming a drain bus-line layer over an operation layer formed over a substrate, forming a drain bus-line on the thin film transistor substrate by etching, and forming a channel area for a thin film transistor ~~to be~~ formed on the thin film transistor substrate in the operation layer by the etching;

forming an insulating film and making a contact hole which reaches the drain bus-line layer in the insulating film;

forming a transparent conductive film layer and a gate bus-line layer in that order on the insulating film in which the contact hole is made, and forming a resist pattern , in which a resist in a pixel electrode formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a pixel electrode is ~~to be~~ formed is thinner than the resist in a gate bus-line formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a gate bus-line is ~~to be~~ formed, in the gate bus-line formed area and the pixel electrode formed area on the gate bus-line layer by the use of a half tone mask;

etching the gate bus-line layer and the transparent conductive film layer with the resist pattern;

ashing the resist pattern until removal of the thin resist formed in the pixel electrode formed area is completed; and

etching the gate bus-line layer in the pixel electrode formed area with the resist pattern which remains after the ashing.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate according to claim 7, wherein in the process of forming the drain bus-line layer over the operation layer formed over the substrate, forming the drain bus-line on the thin film transistor substrate, and forming the channel area for the thin film transistor ~~to be~~ formed on the thin film transistor substrate in the operation layer, a light shading film is formed between the substrate and the operation layer, the drain bus-line layer is formed over the operation layer, the drain bus-line is formed on the thin film transistor substrate, and the channel area for the thin film transistor ~~to be~~ formed on the thin film transistor substrate is formed in the operation layer.

9. (Original) The method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate according to claim 7, wherein in the process of forming the insulating film and making the contact hole which reaches the drain bus-line layer in the insulating film, a contact hole for bringing the drain bus-line layer into contact with the transparent

conductive film layer and a contact hole for a terminal on the thin film transistor substrate are made.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a stagger type thin film transistor substrate, the method comprising the processes of:

forming a drain bus-line layer over an operation layer formed over a substrate, forming a drain bus-line on the thin film transistor substrate by etching, and forming a channel area for a thin film transistor ~~to be~~ formed on the thin film transistor substrate in the operation layer by the etching;

forming an insulating film and a transparent conductive film layer in that order;

forming a resist pattern in which an opening is made over a contact hole ~~to be~~ made in the insulating film and in which a resist is thicker only in a pixel electrode formed area on the thin film transistor substrate where a pixel electrode is ~~to be~~ formed on the transparent conductive film layer with a half tone mask;

etching the insulating film and the transparent conductive film layer with the resist pattern for making the contact hole;

ashing the resist pattern until removal of the thin resist formed in areas other than the pixel electrode formed area is completed; and

etching the transparent conductive film layer with the resist pattern which remains after the ashing.

11-14. (Cancelled)